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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS  
AND AGENCIES

FROM STU EIZENSTAT/HARRISON WELLFORD

SUBJECT: Examination of Opportunities for  
Corps of Engineers' Cooperation in  
Federal Programs and Projects

In conjunction with his efforts to reform water resources policies and projects, the President has asked that an analysis be made of alternative missions and emphases for the Corps of Engineers.

There are several studies which the President's Reorganization Project has undertaken which will consider the fundamental, long-range issues relating to Corps involvement and responsibilities in the Federal government -- an analysis of government administration and services, a study of natural resources functions and a study of defense support functions.

While these studies are proceeding, and before they can be completed, the President would also like to identify high priority projects and programs which might benefit from the cooperation of the Corps of Engineers in engineering and design, construction and construction management. To this end, we request your assistance in supplying the information requested on the attached questionnaire. The questionnaires should be returned by November 15.

To assist you in understanding the capabilities of the Corps of Engineers, Corps officials have prepared a background memorandum which is also attached. We bring your attention particularly to pages 6-8 and 19-20. This memorandum is for background only and does not in any way indicate or pre-judge policy or organizational decisions or directions.

The Corps of Engineers can assist your staff in preparing the data for this questionnaire. The contact person is Don Duncan, 693-6308.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this effort.

Attachments

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